

Follett Software Company announced today the unveiling of Destiny 9.5 with a significant portion of the new capabilities based on requests from existing customers, including improved reporting across all Destiny modules to help K-12 school districts better demonstrate collection and inventory usage and value.

Destiny 9.5's reporting capabilities have been greatly expanded. The enhanced reporting includes a new "Reports" tab, a reorganized list, favorites tags and more, implemented across all Destiny products (Destiny Library Manager, Destiny Textbook Manager, Destiny Asset Manager and Destiny Media Manager) to make it easier to find, identify, organize and run reports.

"Many of the new features are the result of requests from users, which allows Destiny to continually evolve and meet their growing needs," said George Gatsis, vice president, product development and marketing, Follett Software Company. "As we continually strive to work as true partners in the K-12 educational market, we rely on a customer-centric approach. Here, we wish to say to our customers that, 'Destiny 9.5 is your Destiny.' "

Destiny Library Manager features the debut of MyQuest book club, which expands collaboration and communication beyond the classroom while encouraging discussion about books. Similar to social networking sites, MyQuest book club requires logins and passwords, and allows students to invite or remove friends at their school or from their district. Students can utilize shelves to show which books they've read, are currently reading, or want to read and share that information with their peers. This is a great way to get kids engaged in the library and excited about reading.

In addition, Destiny Library Manager and Destiny Quest, Destiny Media Manager and Enriched Content Enhancements include:

- Improved eBook management
- Enhanced and expanded searching in Destiny Quest, including Advanced and Visual Search
- Cataloging enhancements supporting additional district functionality and support of new MARC21 standards
- Circulation improvements, including expanded fine maintenance and accountability
- Searching enhancements to increase productivity of searches by improving root word searching and stop word maintenance
- Improvements in centralized patron management
- Better statistics reporting: new for Standards, improved for WebPath Express

For Destiny Textbook Manager, the new release will improve accountability through district textbook reports to help determine which locations may be losing books, and assess the value of books. Moreover, a new report will help associate a dollar amount to the changes to the textbook inventory over time, which ultimately helps identify savings (reduced replacement costs) through use of transfers.

Additional Destiny Textbook Manager enhancements include:

- Multi-site associations to support student/staff movement across the district

- New support for schedule updates
- Easier district-wide textbook rollout

For Destiny Asset Manager, the new release includes functionality that allows districts to limit the ability to approve asset items for disposal. A new "ready for disposal" status item has been added, and only approved users will be allowed to OK or decline the request.

Additional Destiny Asset Manager enhancements include:

- Quick links to asset descriptions and item counts while searching
- Easily attach electronic documents to an asset description
- Quickly add new funding source identifiers "on the fly"
- Support staff and students across multiple schools

One more new Destiny 9.5 feature allows customers to order hardware, labels and supplies through the new Destiny Express online (<http://www.DestinyExpress.com>).